

Follow the Boys Who Are Fighting for You

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CPL. F. J. PRISET UNDERGOES JAP BOMBING RAID

In Philippines On Invasion With Air Force Service Command Troops

5th Air Force Service Command, Philippine Islands—Landing Japanese fire, Corporal Frederick J. Priset, of Wellsboro, was one of the advanced detachment of Fifth Air Force Service Command troops that landed in the Philippine Islands on D-plus two. For approximately a week the service command troops, all air force ground crew members, remained dug in on the beach while undergoing Jap bombing and strafing raids.

During the period on the beach the service command troops helped to build the Tacloban air strip for Fifth Air Force fighter planes. Work was carried on under constant enemy aerial attack and adverse weather conditions.

Upon completion of the landing strip, service command troops began to service and maintain all aircraft in performance of the mission of the Fifth Air Force Service Command.

Corporal Priset, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Priset, of Wellsboro, R. D. 4, entered the armed forces in July, 1942 and has been in the Southwest Pacific for six months.

Sgt. Campbell Gets Posthumous Award

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Campbell of East avenue have received the Purple Heart and Citation of Honor or awarded posthumously to their son, Sgt. John E. Campbell.

Sgt. Campbell, an aerial gunner with the 15th Air Force was reported killed in action on November 1, 1944. The young sergeant and all members of the crew were lost when their plane was shot down and landed in the Mediterranean Sea.

He had been in the service nearly two years but had been overseas only a month when the tragedy occurred.

Sgt. Norton Benjamin has been transferred from Casper, Wyoming, to Kirtland Field, Albuquerque, N. Mexico with the 237th AAF Base Unit.

Cpl. James Leopold, USMC, has been transferred from Quantico, Va. to Camp Lejeune, N. C., with Co. C, 1st Tr. Bn. in Tent Camp.

Holiday Cheer



ONE of Blossburg's men in service, S/Sgt. William D. Smith, son of Mrs. L. D. Smith, pictured, second from left, enjoying his Christmas dinner in Italy. He was serving with the 2nd Replacement Battalion.

Son of Boro Woman Is Safe in Hospital

Mrs. Peter Hayes has received word that her son, S. Sgt. Harry Millington, Jr., of Williamsport, who was reported missing over Yugoslavia since March 1, has written that he is safe and in a hospital, suffering from slight injuries.

He had just completed 24 bombing missions in the European theatre of war before he was shot down.

Wife Notified of Nature Of Marine's Wounds

Cpl. William T. Rawls, USMC, who was in a base hospital on Saipan following action as a flame thrower with the first wave of the 5th U. S. Marines to land on Iwo Jima, has notified his wife, Mrs. Janet Basney Rawls through the War Department, that his wounds are shrapnel injuries in the body. The statement added that his progress would be noted and further word would be sent her.

S/Sgt. Robert C. Nilges has arrived at Army Air Forces Redistribution Station No. 2 in Miami Beach for reassignment proceeding after completing a tour of duty outside the continental United States. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Erastus G. Niles, Tioga, R. D. His wife, Mrs. Wilda Niles resides at R. D. 1, Covington.

SABINSVILLE LAD KILLED IN GERMANY, MAR. 7

Vernon Balch, Wounded Last October, Killed On Western Front After Brief Action

Sabinsville—Mr. and Mrs. Dight Balch received a telegram from Washington last Friday bringing the sad news that their son Vernon had been killed in action on March 7th. He was wounded last October and had only been back in action for a short time.

He was a graduate of the Sabinsville High School and was a member of the Baptist church. Surviving are his parents, two sisters, Esther a student nurse in the Arnot-Ogden Hospital and Arleen at home; a grandmother, Mrs. Flora Hackett and grandfather C. Vernon Balch, Sr., besides a host of friends who extend heartfelt sympathy.

SOLDIERS

Pvt. Charles R. Dochstader has been transferred from Camp Howze, Texas to Ft. George Meade, Md., with AGF Replacement Depot 1.

A C. Robert Cross has been transferred from Maxwell Field, Ala., to Lakeland, Fla., with 216th AAF Base Unit-Lodwick in Class 45-GH-FIL.

Pvt. Robert Maynard is stationed at Keeler Field, Miss., with Sq. W. 10000 Class 529, 3704th AAF Bu.

Pfc. Willis Blackwell who is serving with the Fleet Marines on an Airplane Carrier spent a leave recently with his wife and daughter, Lana Jean and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Blackwell on Conway street.

Gerald E. Wood, S 1/c, USNR, son of Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Wood of Conway street is stationed at present in the Hawaiian Islands.

Donald Kerrick Promoted To A/SK 3/c USN, in Florida

U. S. Naval Air Station, Jacksonville, Fla.—Donald W. Kerrick, son of Mrs. Mary A. Kerrick of Wellsboro, recently graduated from the Aviation Storekeeper's school here and was promoted to Aviation Storekeeper Third Class in the U. S. Navy.

Entering the Navy June 28, 1944, he received his recruit training at Annapolis, Md., before being transferred to the Naval Air Technical Training Center here.

Kerrick is now a qualified Aviation Storekeeper and will probably see service with a Naval Air Unit. His wife, the former Miss Betty Boom, is a Dental Hygienist for Tioga county schools. She and their young son reside at 140 Main street. The young Navy man spent this week with his family here.

Blossburg Boys Meet On Iwo Jima

Pfc. Robert Losnecki, who has been participating in the battle of Iwo Jima with the U. S. Marines, had the good fortune to meet his old neighbor and school friend, Pfc. Raymond Majchrzak, also with the Marines, according to a recent letter to Losnecki's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Losnecki, of Blossburg.

Blossburg Soldiers

Victor Nowak, S 2/c is spending a short leave with his family here.

Paul Bower, F 1/c, stationed at Key West, Fla., is spending a week's leave with his wife and mother.

Pvt. Robert Peach has returned to Camp Croft, S. C., after spending a furlough with his mother, Mrs. Charles Peach.

2nd Lt. Norman Martin is spending a 19 day furlough with his wife and will return to Fort Worth, Texas on March 30.

James Clark, S 1/c spent a few days here with Victor Nowak, S 1/c and they have returned to duty at New York.

33 Counties Plan For 4-H Officer Training Schools

Training meetings for officers of 4-H Clubs have been planned for 33 counties of Pennsylvania this spring. Allen L. Baker, state 4-H Club leader, announced at the Pennsylvania State College, last year, similar schools for training the youthful officers the duties of their offices were held in more than a score of counties and attended by 1721 boys and girls.

Owing to the inroads made on 4-H Clubs, with older members summoned for military service and busy in war industries, this year's group of club officers will be much younger, Baker indicated.

Similar to last year's series of schools, the 4-H Club presidents and vice-presidents will be taught parliamentary procedure and how to conduct meetings; secretaries will learn how to prepare minutes accurately; song and game leaders will study ways to secure group activity; while news reporters will receive fundamental training in how to keep their communities informed of 4-H activities.

At the close of each officer-training meeting, a "model" club meeting will be held with officers putting the training into practice.

Mrs. R. W. Knowlton of Thumpton who has been ill for some time visited friends in town last week.

WAY BACK WHEN--

BEING A BACKWARD GLANCE THROUGH THE FILES OF THE WELLSBORO GAZETTE

Fifteen Years Ago

At a meeting of 100 town-folk at the Penn Wells Hotel last night called to consider plans to provide facilities to house Wellsboro schools and the modern expanding school program, Judge Thomas A. Cruchfield, in a ringing voice said, "We need a BRAND NEW SCHOOL BUILDING," a sentiment that was echoed by other prominent speakers.

At a Centennial Committee meeting last Saturday, it was decided to contract the famous Reppus Band, of Williamsport, to play two days during the Big-Days.

Announcement is made this week of the sale of the Peoples' Market to J. M. Fenicchia, owner of the adjoining fruit store.

Raymond Bolton attended a convention of Willard Storage, Battery dealers in Rochester the first of the week.

W. J. Bailey & Son have sold the following properties this week: E. G. Carson house, on Queen street to Roy Ford; Mrs. Addie White property, on Tioga street to W. E. Smith and wife.

Robert Hallock, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hallock, left last Friday for Annapolis to continue his studies in a preparatory school. He has received an alternate appointment for Annapolis-Academy.

Frank C. Moore and son, Charles, have returned from Arizona where they spent the past winter.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Wilcox on Sunday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Jay Reed and son, Allen, who have been living in Erie several years, have returned to Wellsboro to reside.

Mr. and Mrs. Terrance Sullivan, of Elmira, spent Sunday at the home of Mr. Sullivan's mother, Mrs. W. B. Sullivan.

Ernest Davis, who recently moved here from Middlebury, has bought the milk business of Leon Reese in the Hotel Wilcox block.

Kitchen & Blatchley's saw mill at Brownlee was destroyed by fire soon after midnight last Saturday.

The origin of the blaze is unknown. The loss is estimated at \$2000, partly covered by insurance.

"Jus" Garrison, of Mansfield, and Richard Frisk, of Antrim, will tangle in a bout Saturday evening at Armory Hall, to decide the wrestling championship of Tioga county.

Frank A. Deans, District Deputy Grand Patriarch, IOOF, installed Mrs. Darling, wife of George O.

Darling of Wellsboro, has returned

to Boston to resume her duties as nurse at the Boston City Hospital.

The tax levy for Charleston township has been increased four cents. For Union township it has been increased five mills and for Liberty township five mills.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Morgan on March 16th.

Thirty-Five Years Ago S. E. Coles has sold his interests in the Mansfield Advertiser to his son, Edwin S. Coles. We wish the new editor success, and if he is "a chip of the old block," he cannot help but make good.

Miss May Hill, of Lawrenceville, is the guest of Mrs. Fay Furman.

Superintendent W. R. Longstreet, of Mansfield, was a visitor in town yesterday.

Julius Wetmore, a late-employee of the Gazette, has secured a position as a conductor on the trolley lines in Elmira.

Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Smith, of Union, N. Y., are guests at the home of Mrs. Smith's grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George O. Derby.

Mrs. E. W. Glecker, Mrs. Foster Bush and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Convery were in Elmira on Monday and in the evening attended the performance given by Miss Anna Hold in the musical production, "Miss Innocence."

Miss Glenora Wise left Monday for New York, where she will pursue a course in Millinery.

Clyde VanDerhoof and Miss Hazel R. West, both of Chatham, were married on March 9, by Rev. R. M. Cloud.

F. J. Vater, the jeweler, has purchased the Eastman frame block on Main street, now occupied by Miss Miller's novelty store, Bloom & Davis' barber shop, the laundry and the jewelry store. Consideration \$5000.

Fifty Years Ago Charles Cornelius of Elkland, has commenced the study of law in the office of Merrick & Young.

At a meeting of Tioga County Bar Association on Saturday evening, H. L. Baldwin, of Tioga, was admitted to membership.

Messrs. Fred and Charles Yahn purchased the meat market of Suhr Bros., last Saturday.

Frank A. Deans, District Deputy Grand Patriarch, IOOF, installed

enancement officers in this boro

Monday evening, at Westfield Tuesday and at Gaines on Wednesday.

R. T. Dobson, of Arnot, has been appointed one of the trustees of the Blossburg Hospital.

A very pretty wedding took place yesterday afternoon at the home of Mrs. O. E. Williams, Queen street, when Miss Sarah Williams became Mrs. A. P. Dartt. The ceremony of the Presbyterian Church was read by Rev. A. C. Shaw.

Last Sunday evening at the Stony Fork Baptist Church, the ordinance of baptism was administered to John Morrow, Leon Robertson, Charles Morrow, Mrs. Luther Walbridge and Misses Flora and Nellie West.

Major C. H. Veil, who has been in Williamsport for some time, has returned to Wellsboro and will open an insurance office next month.

The miners of Fall Brook are working full time.

Eggs are selling for a cent apiece.

Gaines Locals

Gaines—Mrs. Donna Schweitzer, Mrs. Fred Egwen and daughter Linda of Fallonsbee, W. Va., are guests of Mrs. Elizabeth Brandon at Hunting Valley Inn.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Culver of Williamsport were Sunday guests of Rex Davis and family.

The Bible Dozen

BY REV. W. C. MARTIN
Pastor of the Trinity Lutheran Church

"Take This Quiz For Your Spiritual Health"

1. What was the reaction of the centurion in charge of Christ's crucifixion as he watched Jesus die?
2. To whom did Jesus commit the care of His mother?
3. What was an unusual feature of the group of the Savior's acquaintances who "stood afar off" beholding these things?
4. Why did the Jews come to Pilate and ask him to have the legs of the crucified men broken in order to hasten their death?
5. Christ's legs, however, were not broken, for He was already dead. What did one of the soldiers do to confirm this fact?
6. Did this happen by chance?
7. Who came in boldly unto Pilate and asked for permission to take away the body of Jesus for burial?
8. What details do we know about this man from Scripture?
9. Who also came with him?
10. How did they prepare Christ's body for burial?
11. Where and in whose tomb was Christ's body laid?
12. Why did the chief priests and Pharisees come to Pilate and asked that a watch be set to guard the sepulchre in which Jesus was laid?

Overall Patch

Makes Mending Fast and Easy

Are you acquainted with the three-minute overall patch? It's especially useful and quick for large patches on aprons, slacks, and overalls, emphasizes Miss Margaret Lewis, home economics extension representative.

Cut the patch a half inch larger all around than the hole, pin in place, matching designs or weave of material. In each corner of the hole make a diagonal cut the width of the seam, a quarter-inch on fine material and a half inch on heavier material. Stitch each side of the patch separately. This insures stronger corners. Some women find it easier to stitch opposite sides first. Stitching may be done easily and quickly on the sewing machine.

Press and trim the seams, then stitch the edges of the seams together and diagonally across the corners to reinforce them.

Mrs. Rex Davis and daughter, Dorothy visited Mr. and Mrs. F. A. Leopold, Sr., of Mansfield Wednesday.

Mrs. Earl Cotton and daughter, Cynthia of Galeton were Sunday guests of Mrs. Florence Perkins.



Every Kind of Surplus... Except TELEPHONES

The armed forces have released a staggering amount of surplus war goods for re-sale to civilians. But in all this tremendous variety... there is practically no telephone equipment. Telephone equipment is still a vital weapon of war and none can be released.

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From where I sit... by Joe Marsh

How Sober Hoskins Got His Name

Everybody kids Sober Hoskins about his name. Of course, they allow that it's appropriate. Sober never drinks anything stronger than a glass of beer. And a harder worker in the fields there never was.

"Shucks," says Sober's dad. "We named Sober 'Sober' just because he looked that way when he was born. Like we called his sister 'Gay,' and his other sister 'Prissy.' And it's had its effect on all of 'em," he adds with a shrug. (Prissy is the old maid in the Hoskins family.)

From where I sit, there may be something in what Sober's dad says. Naming children after virtues is a fine old American custom. Look at the names of our pioneers and pilgrims: Faith, Pious, Charity, Hope, Ernest.

Maybe we should use such names more often. And one I'd like to add is "Tolerance." If we all had "Tolerance" for a middle name, and lived up to it, we'd have a better, happier world.

Joe Marsh

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